The Honorable Ronald B. Leighton

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## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT TACOMA

**RENE HOUGH**, Individually and on Behalf of All Other Persons Similarly Situated,

Plaintiff,

VS.

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THRIFTY PAYLESS, INC. d/b/a RITE AID and RITE AID CORPORATION,

Defendants.

Case No.: 3:11-CV-05347-RBL

ORDER GRANTING DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO DISMISS PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT OR, IN THE ALTERNATIVE, TO TRANSFER VENUE

THIS MATTER came before the Court on Defendants' Motion to Dismiss Plaintiff's Complaint or, in the Alternative, to Transfer Venue (the "Motion"). In addition to the Court's file, the Court has reviewed all pleadings and evidence submitted in support of and in opposition to the Motion.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED that Defendants' Motion is GRANTED on the grounds that the earlier filed *Craig v. Rite Aid Corporation, et al.* action, currently pending as Case No. 4:08-cv-02317 in the United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania (the "*Craig* lawsuit"), involves substantially similar parties and claims. Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED that:

(PROPOSED) ORDER GRANTING DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO DISMISS OR TRANSFER VENUE - 1 (No. 3:11-CV-05347-RBL) OGLETREE, DEAKINS, NASH, SMOAK & STEWART, P.C.
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Plaintiff's complaint is hereby TRANSFERRED to the United States District Court for 1 2 the Middle District of Pennsylvania. Plaintiff must take any action necessary to litigate, associate, relate, or affiliate this case with or in connection with the Craig lawsuit. Plaintiff 3 is directed to comply with all local rules of the Middle District of Pennsylvania and the Federal 4 Rules of Civil Procedure in connection with this order. 5 6 Dated this 8<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2011. 7 8 9 10 RONALD B. LEIGHTON 11 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE 12 Presented by: 13 OGLETREE, DEAKINS, NASH, SMOAK & STEWART, P.C. /s/ David P.R. Symes\_ 14 David P.R. Symes, WSBA No. 33457 15 222 SW Columbia St., Ste. 1500 Portland, OR 97201 16 (503) 552-2140 david.symes@ogletreedeakins.com 17 Attorneys for Defendants 18 Thrifty Payless, Inc. and Rite Aid Corporation 19 20 21 22 23 24 25

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